

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 23, 2004**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Winifred S. Shapiro, Chairman  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer E. Heinz, Secretary-Treasurer<sup>1</sup>  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Glenda M. Blake<sup>2</sup>  
Kevin J. Fay  
Kenneth G. Feng  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace  
Joanne E. Malone  
Harold L. Strickland  
Frank S. Vajda

<sup>1</sup>Arrived at 8:30 p.m.

<sup>2</sup>Board Member Absent

**Staff**

Michael A. Kane, Director  
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring  
Cindy Messinger  
Miriam Morrison  
Judy Pedersen  
Lynn Tadlock  
Jean White

Seema Ajrawat  
Gene Biglin  
Daryl DePrenger  
Kirk Holley  
John Lehman  
Kay Rutledge  
Don Sweeney, Photographer  
Ted Zavora

Guests: Harry Glasgow, Citizen

Bruce McLeod, Fairfax County Park Foundation  
Jan Brody, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Scott Wynn, Assistant County Attorney

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mrs. Shapiro asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mrs. Shapiro requested that **LEGAL MATTERS** be added to the Closed Session. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

**PRESENTATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS****P-1 Introduction of Summer 2004 Interns**

The Park Authority Board welcomed sixteen interns for the summer of 2004. Janet Tetley, Park Authority Intern Coordinator, introduced the interns and reported their Park Authority assignments and projects for the summer of 2004. The following is a breakdown of Park Authority Divisions where the interns will be working:

Park Services Division Interns

Mena Nakhla	Jerry Wang	Daniel Martonik
Humera Arsala	Lindsay Singer	Luis Carlos Richter

Administration Division Intern

Charmaine Jamerson

Public Information Office Intern

Diane Wotortsi

Resource Management Division Interns

Katherine Murray	Sarah DeFluri	Jonathan Engle
Ross Downer	Brad Fairbanks	Rachel Roeske
Rebecca Winters	Rebecca Cooper	

On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mrs. Shapiro welcomed the interns. Mrs. Shapiro stated that she is continually surprised by the variety and responsibility that goes with the interns assignments. Mrs. Shapiro stated the Park Authority is lucky to have the interns; and she hopes that they complete their assignments this summer because it sounds terrific.

**P-2/ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Daryl DePrenger upon His Retirement**

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the resolution for Mr. DePrenger upon his departure from the Park Authority; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Shapiro read and presented the Resolution to Mr. DePrenger. Daryl thanked the Park Authority Board and stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Park Authority Board and the citizens of Fairfax County.

**P-3/ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Jean White upon Her Retirement**

On behalf of the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Bruce McLeod, Chairman of the Foundation, read and presented Mrs. White with their Resolution. Mr. McLeod wished Jean well in her retirement.

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the resolution for Mrs. White upon her departure from the Park Authority and Park Foundation; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Shapiro read and presented the Resolution to Mrs. White. Jean thanked the Park Authority Board for their support of the Fairfax County Park Foundation and for taking “a leap of faith” when they hired her.

**ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes - June 9, 2004, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Minutes of June 9, 2004, Park Authority Board Meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**Park Authority Board Minutes Approved and Signed on July 14, 2004**

**ACTION ITEMS****A-1 Contract Award - Pond Renovations at Green Spring Gardens Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a contract award to Apex Environmental, Inc., of Rockville, Maryland in the amount of \$158,735 for construction of pond renovations and related improvements at Green Spring Gardens Park. In addition, the Mr. Vajda recommended reserving \$23,810 or fifteen (15) percent of the contract award for contract contingency, \$21,008 or thirteen (13) percent for administrative costs, and \$19,242 for layout survey, testing, and a project sign. Total cost is \$222,795; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**A-2 Approval - Lee High Park Master Plan Amendment**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Master Plan Amendment for Lee High Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**A-3 Reappointment of Park Foundation Board Members**

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the reappointments of Laura Eakin, Bruce McLeod, Charles Veatch and Kohann Whitney as members of the Park Foundation Board for a term of three years; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent.

**INFORMATION ITEM****I-1 Sportsplex at Laurel Hill Park, Responses to Request for Information**

The board reviewed the item regarding Sportsplex at Laurel Hill Park, Responses to Request for Information. No action was necessary.

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**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **The Board of Supervisors' Bond Referendum Public Hearing on June 21, 2004**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that she had testified before the Board of Supervisors' Public Hearing Monday (June 21, 2004) on authorizing a park bond referendum for the ballot this fall. The Board of Supervisors not only authorized a park bond referendum, but they increased the amount of the Park Bond from the \$50M recommended in the CIP to \$65M, with the caveat that the cash flow for the extra \$15M would not displace the cash flow for any of the other authorized bond referenda as it might be needed. The bonds (\$15M) will not be sold if they interfere with the others for transportation, libraries and human services.

- **BOS Chairman's Concern over Cross-County Trails**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly had called her to express his concern over rumors he had heard that the Park Authority had reduced the priority given to completion of the Cross-County Trail (CCT). Mrs. Shapiro assured Chairman Connolly that the trail is still a priority for the Park Authority, and that recent difficulties with certain sections would be addressed by staff. Chairman Connolly reiterated that the CCT is one of his personal priorities, and that he would like to be kept informed of its progress.

Chairman Shapiro directed staff to produce a timetable/schedule for completion of the remaining segments of the CCT and a report on the funding status of those sections, and to produce monthly reports on the CCT to be distributed to the Park Authority Board and sent to Chairman Connolly's Office. **WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

Chairman Shapiro asked At-Large Park Authority Board Member Georgette Kohler to be the point person for the Park Authority Board for this countywide project, to work with staff as necessary to ensure that it remains a priority project, and to be the contact person for the public and members of the Board of Supervisors for concerns about this project, as needed.

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

There were no Director's Matters

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Administration and Management Committee

*Chairman: Mrs. Heinz*

*Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace*

*Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration*

Ms. Malone, Member of the Administration and Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 2, 2004. The next committee meeting will be announced.

#### Budget Committee

*Chairman: Mr. Feng*

*Members: Ms. Blake, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, and Mr. Fay*

*Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration*

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated May 12, 2004. The committee meeting minutes of June 23, 2004 would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting will be announced.

#### Planning and Development Committee

*Chairman: Mr. Strickland*

*Members: Mrs. Heinz, Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development*

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 2, 2004. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2004.

#### Park Operations Committee

*Chairman: Ms. Malone*

*Members: Ms. Heinz, Mr. Fay, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations*

Ms. Malone, Chairman of the Park Operations Committee, reported that the committee minutes dated May 5, 2004 would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting would be announced.

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Resource Management Committee

*Chairman: Mr. Vajda*

*Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Strickland*

*Staff: Cindy Messinger, Interim Division Director for Resource Management*

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, reported that the next committee meeting would be announced.

Park Services Committee

*Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon*

*Members: Ms. Blake, Mrs. Heinz, Mr. Batten, Mr. Feng, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Acting Division Director for Park Services*

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Park Services Committee, reported that the next committee meeting would be on July 7, 2004.

AD HOC/LIAISON GROUPS

Public Links, Inc

*Members: Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mrs. Heinz*

*Staff: Mr. Kane, Mrs. Messinger, and Mr. Furey*

Mrs. Shapiro, Chairman of Public Links, Inc., distributed copies of the annual meeting minutes dated May 26, 2004.

**FOR THE RECORD**

Mr. McCutcheon requested that the Budget Committee minutes dated May 12, 2004, the Public Links, Inc. Annual Meeting minutes dated May 26, 2004, the Administration and Management Committee minutes dated June 2, 2004 and the Planning and Development Committee minutes dated June 2, 2004, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

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**BOARD MATTERS**

- **Park Bond Referendum Increases to \$65M**

Park Authority Board Members commended the Board of Supervisors for authorizing \$65M for the Park Bond Referendum. Park Authority Board Members thanked Chairman Shapiro for her testimony before the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2004. The \$15M gives the Park Authority the opportunity for authorizing additional expenditures. Gratitude was extended to the various constituency groups for their demonstration of support for the parks. Board Members expressed their appreciation for individual citizen support, staff support, and the team effort that was extended to bring the need for increasing the Park Bond before the Board of Supervisors. Board Members thanked staff for accepting the challenge that is before the Park Authority. It was a good day for the parks on Monday, not only for the bonds, but also for the support enunciated by the Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors.

- **Public Hearing for Nottoway Park Proposed Master Plan Revision**

Ms. Malone thanked Chairman Shapiro and Board Members Fay, Feng, Kohler, Lovelace and Strickland for attending the Public Hearing for Nottoway Park Proposed Master Plan Revision on June 22, 2004. Ms. Malone thanked Irish Grandfield, Sousan Frankeberger, Kirk Holley, John Hopkins, Karen Lindquist, Heather Melchior, Jenny Pate, Diane Probus, John Rutherford, Sandy Stallman, Angie Allen, Judy Pedersen, Shelly Shah and Diane Wotortsi for their efforts towards the success of the Public Hearing.

- **Park Bond Referendum**

Mr. Fay added that Dranesville District Supervisor DuBois had moved to increase the amount of the bond from \$50M recommended by Chief Financial Officer to \$65M, with the caveat that the bonds will not be sold if they interfere with three others for Transportation, Libraries and Human Services. Braddock District Supervisor Bulova seconded the motion. The final vote was 8 to 1.

- **Public Hearing for Nottoway Park Proposed Master Plan Revision**

- Mr. Fay remarked that he had attended the Public Hearing for the Nottoway Park Master Plan Revision on June 22, 2004. Mr. Fay reported the concerns of the Vienna Little League about losing a ballfield. Mr. Fay stated that he is confident that this problem will be worked out.

- **June 16, 2004 Athletic Council Meeting**

Mr. Lovelace reported that he had attended the June 16, 2004 Athletic Council Meeting. There was a presentation regarding the difficulty/conflict of parents, players, and coaches. Discussion focused on what is best for the players. There are several courses being offered for coaches to help them understand their roles and how to treat the players.

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**Athletic Council Meeting Discussion of Upcoming 2004 Fall Park Bond Referendum**

Mr. Lovelace reported that there were questions regarding the upcoming Park Bond Referendum. After his presentation about the \$50M Park Bond funding being insufficient, Mr. Lovelace reported that the Athletic Council felt that the Park Authority did not have a commitment for new fields; therefore, if the Park Authority could not demonstrate some effort for new fields, then the Athletic Council would have a hard time supporting the upcoming Park Bond Referendum.

- Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz were absent.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body **all Magisterial Districts** in pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- b. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body for/in **the Dranesville Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2- 3711(A)(7)
- c. Discussion of Closed Session Minutes dated **June 9, 2004** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2.3712(H).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Strickland.

- Update on Legal Matters Relating to Parkland in the Dranesville District
- Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)
- Closed Session Minutes dated June 9, 2004

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake and Mrs. Heinz being absent

Legal Matters, Land Acquisition Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.

At 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake being absent.

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**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake being absent.

**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

**C-1. Update on Legal Matters Relating to Parkland in the Dranesville District**

There was no action on this item.

**C-2. Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)**

There was no action on this item.

**C-3. Closed Session Minutes dated June 9, 2004**

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated June 9, 2004; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake being absent

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m. Mrs. Shapiro **ADJOURNED** the Park Authority Board meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board Members present. Ms. Blake was absent.**

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Jennifer E. Heinz  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

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Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

**NOTE:** After **ADJOURNMENT**, the Park Authority Board continued with the **BOND WORKSHOP** – Fall 2004 Park Bond Referendum

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